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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF US STATEMENT ON NORDIC TRADE POLICY

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1. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION LEMMEL, SWEDISH MTN DEL, RAISED QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR WALKER INTERVIEW WITH MOGENS BRYDE, SCANDINAVIAN NEWS AGENCY. LEMMEL, SPECKING FOR NORDIC MTN DELEGATIONS, SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF BRYDE ARTICLE WHICH NORDIC DELEGATIONS FOUND UPSETTING IN ITS CHARACTERIZATION OF US VIEWS ON NORDIC TRADE POLICY.

2. LEMMEL WAS ASSURED THAT ARTICLE WAS A DISTORTED AND UNBLANNED ACCOUNT AND THAT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR WALKER AND OTHERS WERE CONSISTENT WITH COMMENTS MADE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONVERSATIONS WITH NORDIC TRADE OFFICIALS IN GENEVA AND IN CAPITALS OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE AMBASSADOR HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE TRADITIONAL SCANDINAVIAN VOICE AS A LEADING PROPONENT FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION WAS BECOMING MUTED, AND THAT THE US WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE NORDICS WERE NOT TAKING AS VIGOROUS A ROLE AS IN THE PAST IN PRESSING FOR MORE LIBERAL TRADE POLICIES. LEMMEL, WHILE CHALLENGING

THIS CONCLUSION, AGREED THAT THE BRYDE ARTICLE WAS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS.

3. IN ACCEPTING US DEL EXPLANATION LEMMEL STATED THAT CORRESPONDENT BRYDE HAD PAST HISTORY OF BEING TROUBLE-MAKER AND SCANDINAVIAN TRADE OFFICIALS HAD BITTER EXPERIENCE WITH HIS DISTORTED STORIES, BOTH IN EEC-EFTA NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THE KR. THUS LIMMEL FOUND IT EASY TO ACCEPT OUR CONTENTION THAT BRYDE STORY WAS AN UNFAIR ACCOUNT OF US POSITION.

4. LEMMEL SAID BRYDE STORY HAD NOT YET APPEARED IN SWEDISH PRESS, AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO COMMENT PUBLICALLY ON IT UNLESS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE RAISED WHICH LEMMEL THOUGHT UNLIKELY. HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MIGHT INFORMALLY SEEK REASSURANCE THAT, IN FACT, THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN US TRADE POLICY VIEWS RE NORDIC COUNTRIES.

5. LEMMEL PROMISED TO REPORT TO HIS NORDIC MTN COLLEAGUES THE COMMENTS OF THE US DEL ON THE BRYED STORY, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH IF ANY FURTHER ACTION WERE REQUIRED.

COMMENT: LEMMEL'S LOW-DEY APPROACH AND BRYDE'S EVIDENT DUBIOUS REPUTATION LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT STORY WILL BLOW OVER QUICKLY AND NOT HAVE HARMFUL IMPACT ON US-NORDIC RELATIONS. END COMMENT.CULBERT

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